

February 2018

Aspirational Opportunities for Students



An Update from the Principal

Meet our new Student Leadership Team



Aspire Accomplish Achieve

On 23rd January, 70 Year 11 and 10 GCSE students visited the City Hall in Sheffield for GCSE Science Live.

On the day students heard from five world-renowned Scientists: Prof Robert Winston, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocok, Prof Alice Roberts, Prof Lucie Green and Prof Mark Miodownik. They gave talks on a diverse range of subjects from the potential of designer babies, the Big Bang, a bit of time travel and the evolutionary forces that gave the zebra its stripes. AQA Chief



Prof Robert Winston at GCSE Science Live

Examiner, Stewart Chenery, also gave students some practical advice to help them do well in their exams.

This was an eye-opening and thought-provoking day, which students found fascinating. It also showed them the vast diversity of subjects within Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths that overlap to help explain the multifaceted nature of our world.

Here is a snap shot of some of the students' comments:

"This gave me an insight as to what university lectures might be like, it was fun and interesting."

"Very interesting topics were covered, and they related to our school lessons."

"Inspiring and interesting because the speakers have achieved their dreams."



Medical Sciences at Bradford University

Year 11 students also visited our sponsor, the University of Bradford, for a STEM experience day. They sat in on lectures and met academics to discuss undergraduate courses and their associated career paths.

40 Year 9 and 10 students visited Pontefract New College for an A Level Conference. The students experienced taster sessions in: Psychology, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Sociology, Maths and Drama. Our students took the challenge of A Level work in their stride.



A Level Psychology tasters

News from UAK6

We celebrate some Post 16 exam success. Congratulations to Jack Beaumont (Year 12) who has achieved a 5 in his GSCE mathematics and all our Year 12 students who passed their exams in Health and Nutrition.



Reward Trip to Manchester's German Markets



Last year's Post 16 leavers reunite.

Last year's UAK6 leavers reunited for a celebratory meal at Azeems in Keighley. It was great to swap stories about

University life and for current students to let them know about how their applications and interviews are going.

Congratulations to Zahra Shah and Mahmudha Begum who have both had interviews for medicine at the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield and Newcastle this spring - we wish them all the very best of luck and future success.

Brilliant Club Graduation

Our second cohort of students attended a graduation ceremony at the University of Sheffield, on Saturday, 3rd February as part of 'The Scholars Programme'.

The event was organised by 'The Brilliant Club', a charitable organisation established to open opportunities for state school students to access places at top universities, known as the Russell Group Universities.

Students have taken part in a programme of lectures and tutorials with a PhD tutor working towards a 2000 word assignment 'How you create an unbreakable secret code'. The assignment was marked by the tutor using the degree level criteria.

The graduation event was held at the Diamond Building, at the University of Sheffield. Families and staff attended the event to celebrate with the students.

We have lots of news and stories to share with you and to find out more you can visit our website

www.uak.org.uk .

You can also follow us on our Twitter page @UAK1



In January the Academy launched ERIC - Everyone Reads In Community.



Community Time now takes place at the beginning of the school day and reading is a great way of awakening our brain and getting us prepared and ready to learn. Feedback from students has been great too:

"Reading makes form time calmer."

Zahra Iqbal.

"I like reading- it is addictive."

Dawood Rehman.



Brilliant Club Graduates at the University of Sheffield

Coming Up

UAK is closed from 2.55pm on Friday, 9th February and will re-open on Monday, 19th February 2018.

Year 8 Parents Evening - Wednesday, 7th March- 4.00pm until 7.00pm. Details of appointment times will follow.

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